

Amendments to the Specification:

[0012] The long-standing but heretofore unfulfilled need for a device that facilitates the pouring of liquid from a heavy container is now met by a new, useful, and nonobvious invention. The novel device facilitates pouring liquid from a container and includes a generally square base having a first or back end and a second or front end. The base is adapted to be supported atop a support surface such as a tabletop. A sidewall is formed integrally with the base at the second front end thereof. The sidewall is disposed in normal relation to the base.

[0013] The base has a flat top surface that is adapted to support a generally flat bottom wall of a liquid-holding container having a handle. The liquid-holding container has a top wall with a spout formed therein, a front wall, a back wall having said handle formed integrally therewith, a pair of sidewalls, and a flat bottom wall. The handle is disposed rearwardly of the spout.

[0014] The sidewall of the base has a flat inward wall~~back~~ surface adapted to abut at the generally flat sidewall~~front~~ wall of the liquid-holding container. A curvature is formed in an outward~~a front~~ surface of the sidewall of the base. The curvature extends from a lowermost end of the sidewall of the base to an uppermost end thereof.

[0015] The curvature is uniform from a front of the device to a back thereof so that the device is stable when rotated. The first or back end of the base is lifted from the support surface when the device is tilted toward the second or front end by manipulating the handle of the liquid-holding container. The flow of liquid from the spout will thus be toward the front of the container, away from the user's hand.

[0016] The liquid-holding container is supported by the flat top surface of the base when the novel device is in a position of repose and is supported at least in part by the flat inward~~back~~ surface of the sidewall of the base when the device is rotated onto the curvature formed in the outward~~front~~ surface of the sidewall of the base.

[0018] A first foot is formed at the first or back end of the base and said first foot has a curved bottom surface. A second foot is formed at the second or front end of the base and said second foot has a curved bottom surface. The curved bottom surface of the second foot is seamlessly formed with the curvature formed in the outward~~front~~ surface of the sidewall of the base.

[0036] Novel device 10 has a generally "L" shape formed by base 12 and side wall 14 that is formed integrally with said base and which is disposed in perpendicular or normal relation thereto. For explanatory purposes, the end of the base to which the sidewall is adjoined is referred to as the second or front end and the opposite end of the base is referred to as the first or back end.

[0037] Base 12 includes flat support surface 16 upon which is placed a container when device 10 is in use, as will be disclosed hereinafter. Sidewall ~~16~~14 includes a flat, vertical, back surface 18 for supporting the container when device 10 is tipped in a manner disclosed hereinafter. ~~Flat support surface 18 is formed in the side of sidewall 14 hereby defined as the inward side of said sidewall.~~

[0038] A curved surface, denoted 20, sometimes referred to hereinafter as a curvature, is formed on the ~~outward~~front side of said sidewall 14.